

or differences arising in this respect, in all cases in which two or more different routes of conveyance by the post exist, or shall exist, between towns or places in British North America or the British West Indies, the rates of postage to be charged on letters conveyed by the post between any such towns or places shall be according to the distance by the shorter of such routes, although such letters may actually be conveyed by the longer route; and this direction shall apply, whether such shorter route shall be constantly or only occasionally used for the conveyance of letters by the post.

And we further direct, that nothing in this warrant contained shall in anywise alter, prejudice, or affect the privilege which, under the said Act of the third and fourth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, seamen and soldiers, employed in Her Majesty's service, enjoy of sending and receiving by the post within British North America and the British West Indies, letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, subject to the regulations and restrictions in the said Act contained, in respect of such letters.

And we further direct, that on all letters, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post (whether by packet boat or private ship) between any place in the United Kingdom and any place in British North America, or the British West Indies where ever situated (letters posted or delivered at the port in British North America, or the British West Indies, at which the letters may be landed, or from which they may be dispatched excepted, and which letters are to be charged the rates of British postage only), there shall be paid, in addition to the rates of British postage payable on such letters under the said Act of the third and fourth years of Her present Majesty, an uniform colonial rate of two pence, whether such letters shall pass between British North America, or the British West Indies, and the United Kingdom direct, or via the United States; provided always, that if any such letters passing through the United States shall be charged with any foreign postage, such foreign postage shall be charged on such letters in addition to the British postage and the said colonial rate.

And on all such letters, if exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged and paid (in addition to any progressive and additional British rates which may be payable on such letters) progressive and additional colonial rates of postage according to the scale of weight and number of rates hereinbefore contained, each additional colonial rate being estimated at two pence.

And whereas by the said Act, passed in the third and fourth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, it is enacted, that the Postmaster General, with the consent of the Commissioners of the Treasury, may allow colonial newspapers to pass by the post between places within any of Her Majesty's colonies, or by packet boat or private ship, from one colony to another, whether through the United Kingdom or not; and also allow foreign newspapers to pass through the United Kingdom either to Her Majesty's colonies, or from one foreign country to another foreign country by packet boat or private ship; and also allow British newspapers to be sent to the colonies through a foreign country, and colonial newspapers to be sent through a foreign country to the United Kingdom, or through the United Kingdom to a foreign country, free of postage, or subject to such rates of postage and under all such regulations and restrictions as the Postmaster General, with such consent as aforesaid, may think fit.

Now we, the undersigned, in further exercise of the several powers and authorities vested in us by the said Act, do hereby further direct;

That on every printed colonial newspaper not exceeding two ounces in weight, and on every printed supplement not exceeding two ounces in weight to a colonial newspaper sent by the post, between any places within British North America, or within the British West Indies, without passing through the United Kingdom, there shall be paid (in lieu of the rates heretofore chargeable thereon) one uniform inland rate of one halfpenny, without reference to the distance or number of miles the same may be conveyed; but this is not to alter or affect the provisions contained in a Treasury Warrant, bearing date the 31st day of August 1841, regulating the conveyance of colonial newspapers between the colonies by packet boat and private ship, which are to continue in full force as if this present warrant had not been signed, and the said inland rate of one halfpenny is to be in addition to any rate payable on such newspapers under such warrant.

And that on every printed newspaper not exceeding two ounces in weight, whether colonial or of the United States, and on every printed supplement not exceeding two ounces in weight to any printed newspaper, whether colonial or of the United States, passing between any places in British North America, or the British West Indies, and any port or place in the United States, without passing through the United Kingdom, there shall be paid (in lieu of the rates heretofore chargeable thereon) one uniform inland rate of one penny, in addition to any foreign rate to which such newspaper or supplement, if sent from or through the United States, may be liable; and also in addition to any sea postage which may be chargeable thereon; but so that any such newspaper or supplement to a newspaper, if of the United States, shall, in order to be entitled to pass by the post at such reduced inland rate of one penny, be posted within the United States, and if not so posted, the same shall (in lieu of such reduced uniform inland rate of one penny) be liable to the like rates of postage as would have been chargeable thereon if the same had been a letter so conveyed by the post.

And that on every such printed newspaper and printed supplement to a newspaper as aforesaid, exceeding two ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken the like rates of postage as are hereinafter directed to be charged and taken on printed pamphlets and publications sent by the post; provided always, that the aforesaid limitations in weight shall not apply to or affect newspapers or supplements to newspapers sent by the post between British North America, or the British West Indies, and the United Kingdom.

And we further direct, that every printed supplement, or additional sheet to any newspaper, shall, for the purpose of charging the postage under this warrant, be deemed a distinct newspaper.

And we further direct, that on every printed newspaper and printed supplement brought into British North America, or into the British West Indies, by private ship, without having previously passed through any post office subordinate to the Postmaster-General, and which shall be delivered at the post office of the port or place of such vessel's arrival, there shall be charged and paid, in addition to any other rates of postage payable thereon, a sea postage of one penny; and we direct, that the Postmaster-General may allow the sum of one penny on every such newspaper or supplement to the master of the vessel delivering the same at such post office by way of gratuity.

And we further direct, that no colonial inland rate of postage shall be chargeable on any printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, brought by packet boat or private ship into British North America or the British West Indies, or on any printed votes or proceedings of any Colonial Legislature of British North America, or the British West Indies, sent by packet boat or private ship to the United Kingdom, and charged with the rates fixed on such votes and proceedings, respectively, by the said Act of the third and fourth years of Her present Majesty, or by a certain warrant under the hands of three of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 1st day of September 1840, or by any other Act or warrant which may from time to time be in force.

And no colonial rate of postage shall be chargeable on British or colonial printed newspapers, or printed supplements to such newspapers, posted or delivered within British North America or the British West Indies, and sent to or received by the post direct from the United Kingdom, provided that the newspapers and supplements sent from the United Kingdom be forwarded in conformity with the regulations and conditions prescribed by the said last mentioned Act.

And we further direct, that on all printed votes and proceedings of any Colonial Legislature of British North America and of the British West Indies, forwarded by the post by sea or land, or by any lakes or rivers, or partly by land and partly by water, between British North America and the British West Indies, or between places within British North America or within the British West Indies, without in any such cases passing through the United Kingdom, there shall be charged and paid the rates of postage following, that is to say:

If not exceeding four ounces in weight, a rate of one penny; if exceeding four ounces, and not exceeding eight ounces in weight, a rate of two pence; if exceeding eight ounces, and not exceeding twelve ounces in weight, a rate of three pence; if exceeding twelve ounces, and not exceeding sixteen ounces in weight, a rate of four pence; and for every additional four ounces in weight, above the weight of sixteen ounces, there shall be charged and paid an additional rate of one penny; and any lesser weight than four ounces shall be charged as four ounces.

Provided always, and we direct, that no printed votes or proceedings of any Colonial Legislature of British North America, exceeding six pounds in weight, or of the British West Indies, exceeding sixteen ounces in weight, shall be forwarded by the post in any one packet or cover.

And we further direct, that on all printed pamphlets and publications printed in British North America, or in the British West Indies, or in the United States, and forwarded by the post between the United States and British North America or the British West Indies, or between any places within British North America, or within the British West Indies, or between any place in British North America and any place in the British West Indies (without, in any such cases, passing through the United Kingdom,) there shall be charged and paid an inland colonial rate of one penny for every ounce weight thereof, (in addition to any rate payable for the sea conveyance thereof,) and any lesser weight than an ounce shall be charged as one ounce; but so that any such pamphlets or publications, if printed in the United States, shall, in order to be entitled to pass by the post at such reduced inland rate, be posted within the United States, and if not so posted, the same shall be liable to the like rates of postage as would have been chargeable thereon if the same had been a letter so conveyed by the post.

And that on all printed pamphlets and publications printed within the United Kingdom, or British North America, or the British West Indies, and forwarded (whether by the post or not) between the United Kingdom and British North America or the British West Indies, there shall be charged and paid for the conveyance of the same by the Post within British North America or the British West Indies, from which the same shall